

**DECISION ON THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE STUDY ON THE AFRICAN UNION REPRESENTATIONAL OFFICES
DOC. EX. CL/541(XVI)**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report and Recommendations of the Commission on the Study by Consultants on the African Union (AU) Representational Offices;
2. **REQUESTS** the Commission to further review the Report of the Committee and Recommendations of the Commission on the Study undertaken by the Consultants on the AU Representational Offices, including identifying priorities with specific financial implications and proposing a management plan with timelines in collaboration with the Permanent Representatives' Committee (PRC) Sub-Committees on Structures and Reform, Multilateral Cooperation, as well as the Advisory Sub-Committee on Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters; and to submit a report and appropriate recommendations to a meeting of Senior Officials of Member States;
3. **FURTHER REQUESTS** Member States to forward proposals and comments to the Commission as soon as possible on how to operationalize the Report of the Consultants and the recommendations by the Commission;
4. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to take necessary steps to correct the weaknesses identified in the current offices so as to make them more efficient;
5. **DECIDES** that the AU Office for Southern Africa should remain in Lilongwe, Malawi;
6. **ALSO DECIDES** that no new offices should be established until the study is completed, with priority being given to that of Vienna, and that the financial implications should be provided.
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report on the implementation of this Decision to the Executive Council in due course.

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